

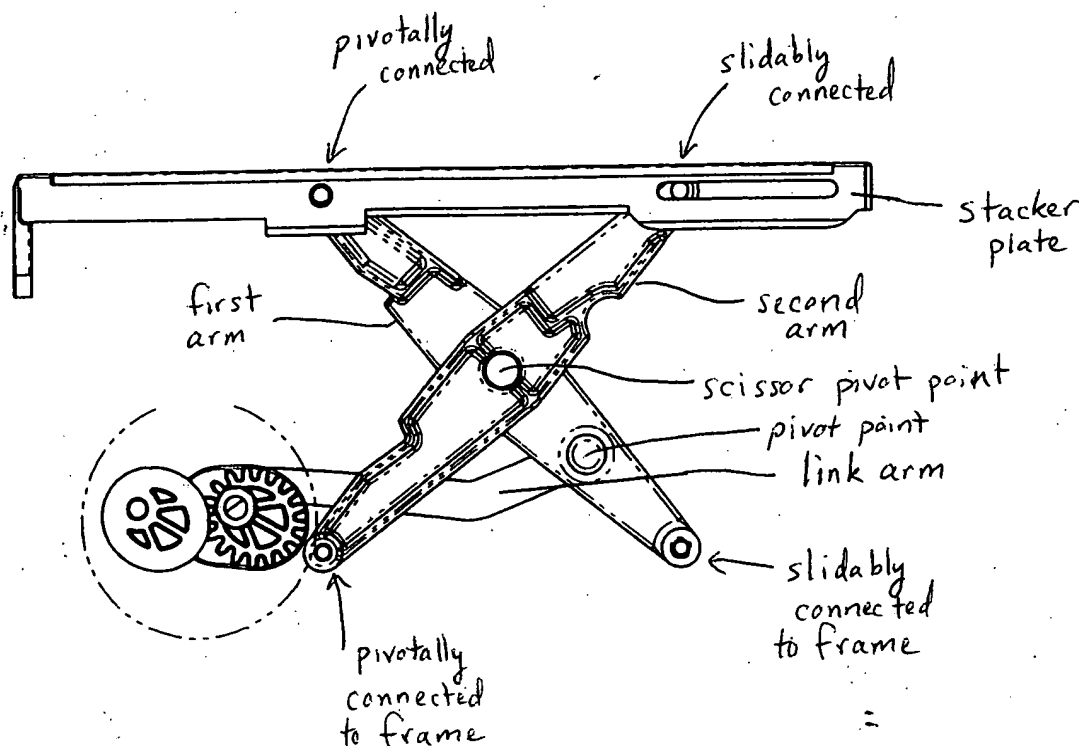
REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claim 48 is allowed and that claim original 50 includes allowable subject matter. The subject matter of original claim 50 (including the features of original claim 49) is now included in independent claim 51, which should be in condition for allowance.

Claim 49 was rejected as unpatentable over JP 5-246571 in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,404,790 (Brookhyser).

Claim 49 has been amended to clarify the connections between the various parts of the scissors arrangement and the link arm. As recited in claim 49, a first arm of the scissors arrangement is *pivotally* connected at a first end about a *fixed point* on the stacker plate and is *slidably* connected at its second end to a frame. The second arm is *slidably* connected at a first end to the stacker plate and is *pivotally* connected at its second end about a *fixed point* on the frame. The link arm is connected to the first arm at a pivot point located between the scissor pivot point and the second end of the first arm.

An example is illustrated below, which is based on FIG. 18B of the pending application, with the addition of labels to facilitate understanding.

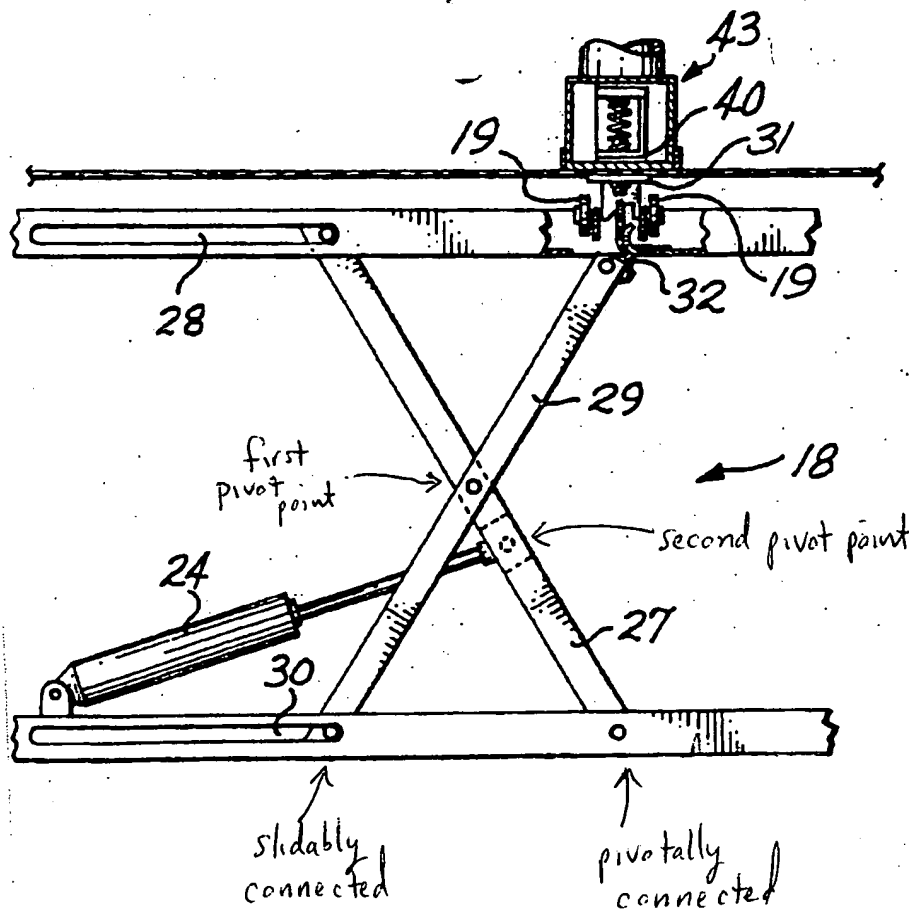


As recited in claim 49 and as illustrated in the example above, the link arm is connected to the first arm at a pivot point located between the scissor pivot point and the second end of the first arm, which is slidably connected to the frame (not shown). (See also FIGS. 14 and 15)

The arrangement disclosed by the Brookkyser patent is shown below. (The figure below is based on FIG. 10 of the Brookkyser patent with labels added to facilitate understanding.) The legs 27, 29 of the elevator 18 are connected at a first pivot point. The cylinder 24 is connected to a second pivot point on the leg 27.

In contrast to pending claim 49, the second pivot point in the Brookkyser patent is located between the first pivot point and an end of the leg 27 that is pivotally connected about a *fixed point* on a plate, rather than *slidably* connected to a frame, as recited in claim 49.

Thus, the connections in the Brookkyser patent are precisely the reverse of what is claimed in claim 49. That distinction is significant and may have important effects on the operation of the mechanism.



JP 5-246571 does not disclose or suggest the features missing from the Brookhyser patent.

In view of the foregoing remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 49.

Claim 52 depends on claim 49 and should be allowable at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 49.

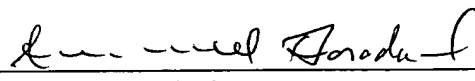
Furthermore, claim 52 recites that the stacker plate comprises a banknote stacker plate. In contrast, the Brookhyser patent relates to an apparatus for placing veneer in position to be supplied to a plywood lay-up machine (col. 1, lines 26-30).

New claim 53 also has been added and recites a cassette for storing banknotes and the like. That claim should be allowed at least for the reasons discussed above.

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